



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

August, 2020

Mission

Protect and enhance the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space and trails. Provide citizens of all age's positive recreational opportunities in clean, safe and accessible recreation facilities. Enhance health, quality living and the natural environment for future generations.

Department Update

Snohomish County Remains in Phase 2

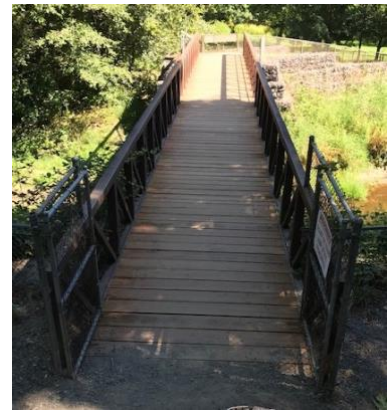
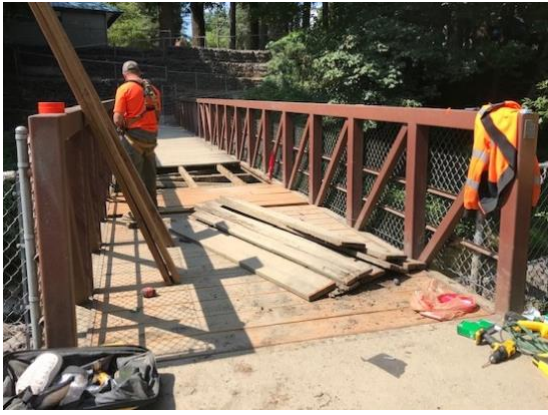
On June 28, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee extended the pause indefinitely on counties moving ahead in the Safe Start Washington plan resulting in Snohomish County staying in Phase 2. Phase 2 allows for park facilities to be open. These include: Wiggly Field Dog Park, Board and Blade Skate Park, tennis courts, basketball courts, restrooms, playgrounds, covered shelters (up to gathering limit), and sports fields for limited practices in compliance with the Governor's guidelines for sporting activities.

To find more information about City Operations during the COVID 19 pandemic visit go [**here**](#).

Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy in August with recreation use of our park's facilities and athletic fields, as well as scheduled maintenance, cleaning and repair work on facilities, equipment and landscaped areas. Replacing fixtures and furnishings are routine and on-going Parks tasks.

As an additional project in August, the Parks Department team replaced the deck boards of the pedestrian bridge, linking Lewis St. Park and Al Borlin Park. The bridge was constructed in 1989 and this is only the second time the decking has had to be replaced.

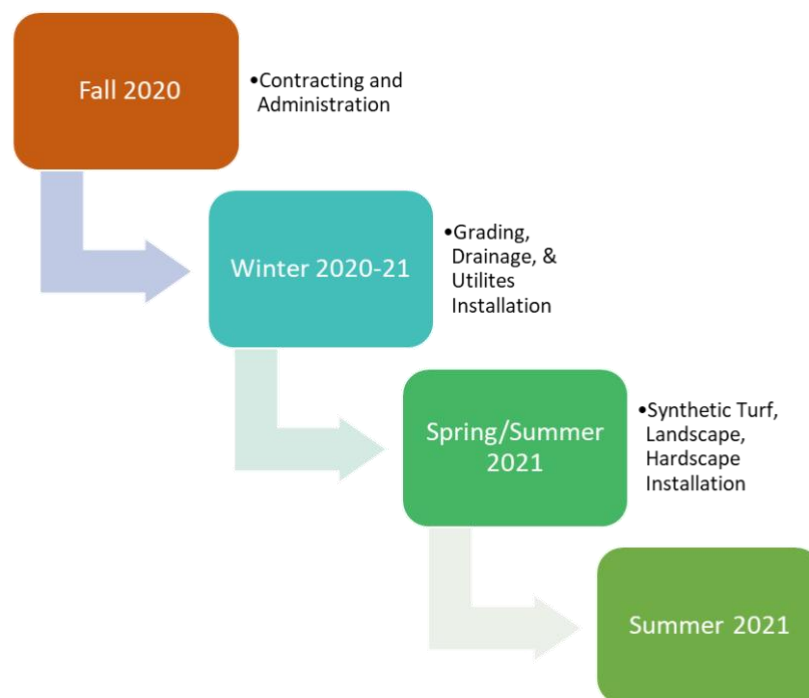


Left: Parks Lead Mike Thomas working on the bridge. Middle: Parks Lead Mike Thomas and team member Tyler Reeves work on the bridge. Right: The finished bridge.

Lake Tye Lighted Synthetic Fields Project Update

With City Council's approval of the 2020 Budget Amendment, park staff is set to proceed with this high-priority project. It will improve the capacity, diversity of use and accessibility of two fields at our signature community park. Changing the fields' surface and adding lights will extend play for more games and practice hours in all types of weather and new seasons throughout the year. Historically, the fields are unusable October through March, and parts of April, May and September due to worn turf degradation, shortened daylight hours during winter, clay infield saturation and poor field drainage from seasonal rain events and the aged drainage system. The project will begin on-site late fall 2020 and is targeted to be completed by the end of summer 2021. The project is funded in part with \$1,300,000 in awarded state and county grants. Please visit the City webpage [here](#) for more information and updates about this project.

Lake Tye Lighted Synthetic Fields Construction Schedule:



North Hill Area Park Land Acquisition

After years of searching for prime North Hill parkland, City Council authorized the Mayor to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Right of First Refusal to acquire park land in Monroe's North Hill area. The future park will serve the City's most rapidly growing area, North Hill, currently suffering from park land deficit and has been a park land acquisition priority for over 16 years. After acquisition, the property will be undeveloped public park site, with short-term limited public access (pedestrian) and recreation opportunities such as soft surface walking trails, open play areas, view benches, and off-leash area. Please visit the City webpage [here](#) for more information and updates about this project.



Left: A drone shot of the North Hill Property. Right: The property and overlooking view.

Rotary Field Enhancements Update

Staff are continuing to move forward on needed enhancements for the Rotary Field athletic facility to install outfield safety netting to protect adjacent property and electronic ADA door assists for the restroom building. We are grateful for the **Monroe Rotary Club's** generous cash **donation** to the city of **\$5,000** toward the cost of the ADA door assist project.

Rotary Field Netting Installation Project – A contract has been executed with All City Fence Company for \$25,567.46 to purchase and install 200 lineal feet of 20-foot high netting to protect adjacent property parking lot from potential damage to cars from errant balls.



Electronic ADA Door-Assist Upgrade to Rotary Field Restrooms – Staff are finalizing a contract for services to install electronic ADA door-assists for the restroom doors. This improvement project is budgeted at \$14,000. Staff expect to finalize the contract and commence work during September.

Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS)

Staff and consultant team are underway with phase one of the City's PROS Plan update project! During this initial, 'Inventory' phase, the team will review existing park system including an analysis of parks, facilities, trails, programs, arts, events, and tourism-related activities. This initial work will help identify opportunities and constraints of the park and recreation system. The planning process has four phases: Inventory, Assessment, Strategies, and Action Plan and is expected to be completed December 2021. When complete, the PROS Plan will identify ways parks, facilities, trails, and programs can enhance community livability, meet the needs of new growth, protect natural resources and maximize benefits for the City's residents. Please visit the City webpage [here](#) for more information and updates about this project.

City Parks Unmarked Trails Inspections

In 2017, a weekly maintenance monitoring emphasis by park staff was initiated on unmarked trails at Al Borlin and Sky River Parks to identify and resolve, in cooperation with our Police Department, any unlawful encampments that may occur in City parks. Attached is the comprehensive data from 2017 to the present. The following is a summary of data for the past month:

Locations: Al Borlin Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
8/4	11	2	3 camps found at Al Borlin Park. Police contacted. 2 Camps removed by Police.
8/11	8	0	
8/18	4	7	
8/26	8.5	0	
Avg.	7.875	2.25	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2017- 2020

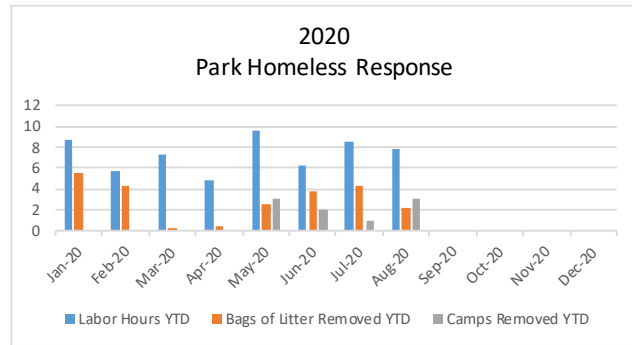
Volunteer Opportunities

Due to COVID-19 the City of Monroe's volunteering has been temporarily suspended. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Katie Darrow at (360) 863-4519.

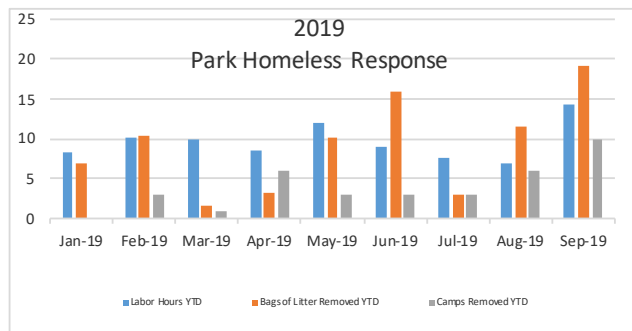
Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events.

2017-2020
Park Homelessness Response

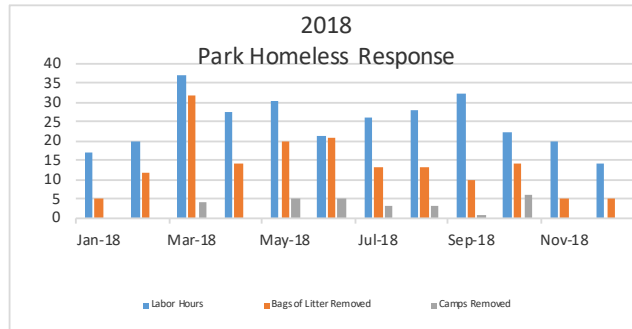
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-20	8.75	5.5	0
Feb-20	5.67	4.33	0
Mar-20	7.25	0.25	0
Apr-20	4.9	0.4	0
May-20	9.625	2.5	3
Jun-20	6.25	3.75	2
Jul-20	8.5	4.25	1
Aug-20	7.875	2.25	3
Sep-20			
Oct-20			
Nov-20			
Dec-20			
Total 2020	58.82	23.23	9



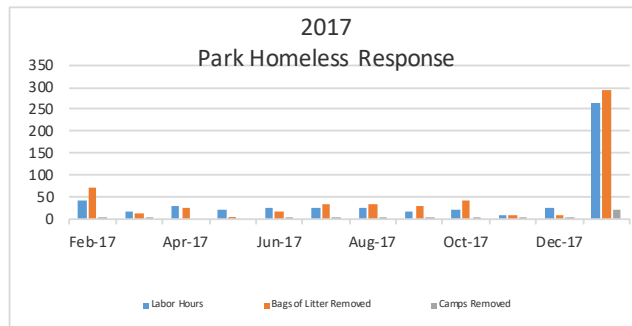
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-19	8.3	7	
Feb-19	10.2	10.3	3
Mar-19	10	1.5	1
Apr-19	8.5	3.25	6
May-19	11.9	10.25	3
Jun-19	9	16	3
Jul-19	7.5	3	3
Aug-19	6.9	11.5	6
Sep-19	14.25	19.25	10
Oct-19	7.3	19.4	6
Nov-19	7.5	0.875	4
Dec-19	7.3	1.2	3
Total 2019	108.65	103.525	48



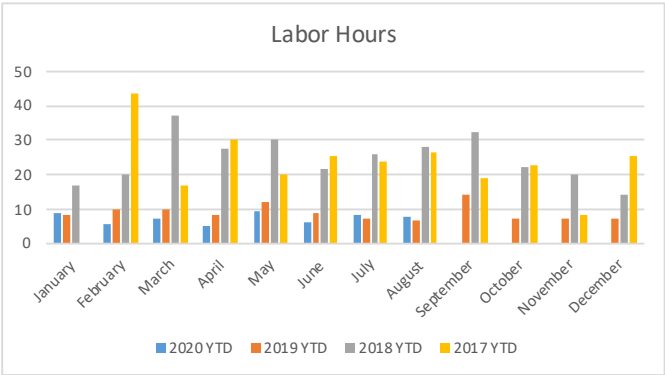
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Jan-18	17	5	0
Feb-18	20	12	0
Mar-18	37	32	4
Apr-18	27.5	14	0
May-18	30.5	20	5
Jun-18	21.5	21	5
Jul-18	26	13	3
Aug-18	28	13	3
Sep-18	32.5	10	1
Oct-18	22.5	14	6
Nov-18	20	5	0
Dec-18	14	5	0
Total 2018	296.5	164	27



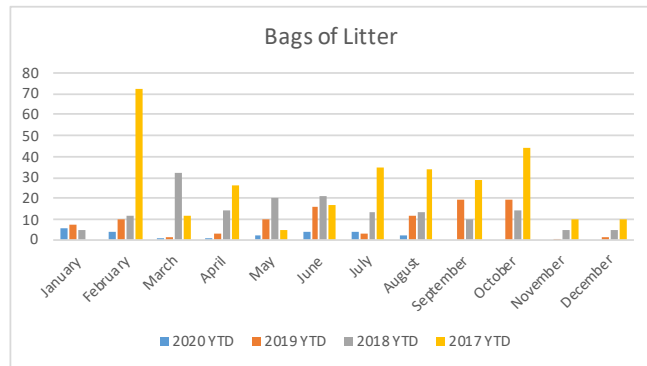
	Labor Hours	Bags of Litter Removed	Camps Removed
Feb-17	43.5	72.5	4
Mar-17	17	12	3
Apr-17	30	26	0
May-17	20	5	0
Jun-17	25.5	17	2
Jul-17	24	35	3
Aug-17	26.5	34	3
Sep-17	19	29	2
Oct-17	23	44	1
Nov-17	8.5	10	3
Dec-17	25.5	10	1
Total 2017	262.5	294.5	22



Labor Hours	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	8.75	8.3	17	0
February	5.67	10.2	20	43.5
March	7.25	10	37	17
April	4.9	8.5	27.5	30
May	9.625	11.9	30.5	20
June	6.25	9	21.5	25.5
July	8.5	7.5	26	24
August	7.875	6.9	28	26.5
September		14.25	32.5	19
October		7.3	22.5	23
November		7.5	20	8.5
December		7.3	14	25.5



Bags of Litter Removed	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	5.5	7	5	0
February	4.33	10.3	12	72.5
March	0.25	1.5	32	12
April	0.4	3.25	14	26
May	2.5	10.25	20	5
June	3.75	16	21	17
July	4.25	3	13	35
August	2.25	11.5	13	34
September		19.25	10	29
October		19.4	14	44
November		0.875	5	10
December		1.2	5	10



Camps Removed	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
January	0	0	0	0
February	0	3	0	4
March	0	1	4	3
April	0	6	0	0
May	3	3	5	0
June	2	3	5	2
July	1	3	3	3
August	3	6	3	3
September		10	1	2
October		6	6	1
November		4	0	3
December		3	0	1

